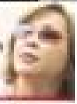
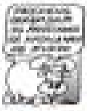


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Conspiracy theorists pin tsunami on aliens, military



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BALANCED NEWS, FEARLESS VIEWS

Oil firms cut gasoline prices by P1 per liter

Friday, January 7, 2005



MOURNING the tsunami victims, Pope John Paul II observes 1 minute of silence during his weekly general audience on Wednesday on the stage of the Audience Hall at the Vatican. The figure of Christ rises from out of a mass of twisted pieces of metal that resembles a giant broken coral created by Pericle Fazzini. Against this backdrop of modern art, the Pope delivers his weekly message.

Race to save 5M people

World leaders ask UN to lead, coordinate relief operation



CHANTING prayers for the dead, Christians, Muslims and over a thousand Buddhist monks gather in Phuket, Thailand, for memorial rites for the tsunami victims, the first one organized by Thai officials.

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SPECIAL REPORT





2 solons defend Mike but Rosebud refuses to shut up

WEATHER FORECAST

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OFWs sent $8.3B home, says DOLE

By Blanche S. Rivera

Violence returns to Luisita

Tried to negotiate

DOLE ruling on strike due next week

$20,000 BOUNTY

Abu Sayyaf leader falls

2 Abu bandits slain in Kudarat

Gov't should have paid Piatco $400M first, says lawyer

By Philip C. Tubeza

New car buyers to pay 3-year fees

Lawyers, docs retain VAT exemptions

By Carlito Pablo

Documents in Tan tax case missing, claims Gonzalez

By Philip C. Tubeza

6 slain in Cotabato robbery; Cafgu man hunted

Kidnapped Malaysians, Indon dead, KL confirms

Special session: Ball's in Senate's court

'I CAN'T AFFORD IT'

Erap hobbled by HK costs

Pinoys in UAE warned against sending obscene cell phone material







Gonzalez told to stop talking about Jalosjos



GONZALEZ

2 solons defend Mike ...

Gov't to sell bonds to OFWs in US to raise P5.6B

Brainchild

Minimum of $100

Facilitator

100,000 small enterprises

Grassroots support

Political attache

'How could God let this happen?'

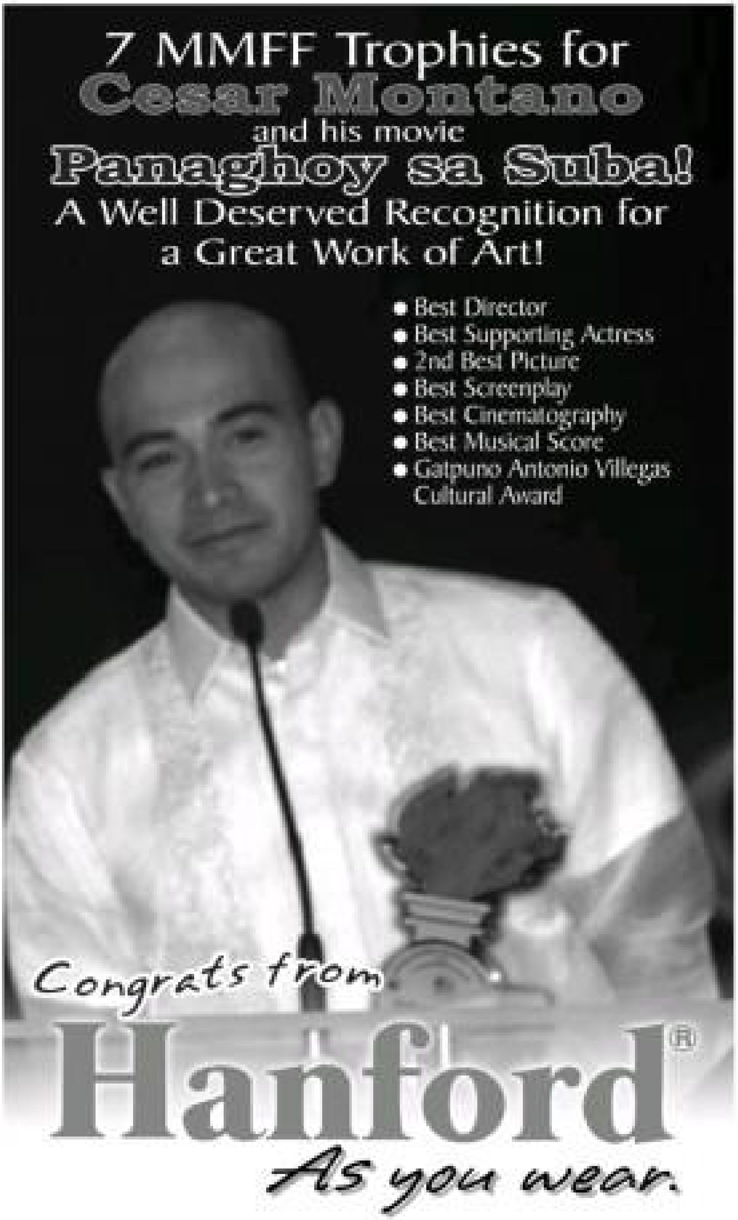
Is Asia cursed?

Disaster has message

Most painful test

Even Jesus ...

AFP



Oil firms cut gasoline …

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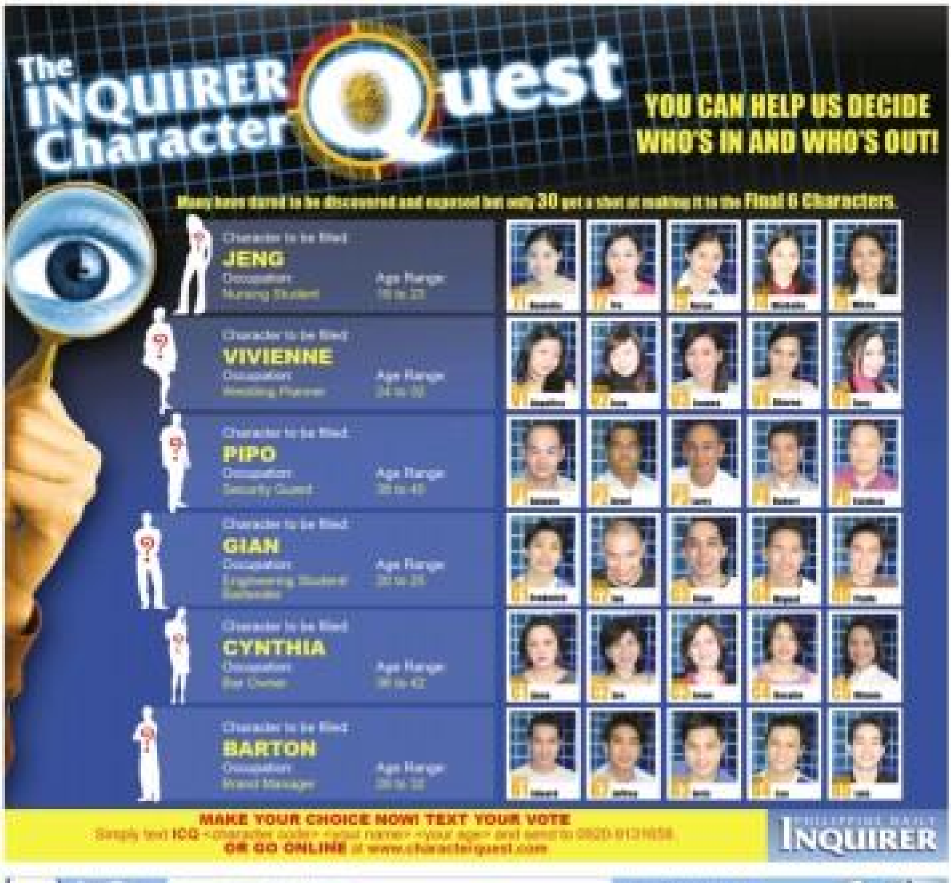
The WORLD

25 killed in new Iraq car bomb attacks



Sri Lanka wave victims grapple with sex abuse

Bird flu kills another Vietnam boy





Question of the Week

The recent earthquake and tsunami that resulted in over 155,000 deaths and injuries to countless others make me feel that life is__________.

Key in: inquirer news name/city/message.

Egypt probed over nuke experiments

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Exorcising demons

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RP's double standard of justice

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Neal H. Cruz

Explicit religiosity and the 'values vote'

PASSION FOR REASON

Raul C. Pangalangan

The challenge of Michael Harrington

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Institute on Church and Social Issues

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Messages from the Jalosjos scandal

AT LARGE



Rina Jimenez-David

The first Filipino novel

LOOKING BACK



Ambeth R. Ocampo

Democracy in action

Coco farmers, not gov't, rightful owners of coco funds

Just, sustainable mining industry

Warning

Across the NATION

Baguio folk wear masks vs meningo

BAGUIO CITY—In this summer capital, it isn't service with a smile. It's service with a mask.





NO TSUNAMI

Quake revives fear of Mindanao tsunami

Traders say cancellation of import permits unconstitutional, sue SBMA

Probe of fake court order set

Race to save 5 million people





GMA offers to send more RP medics, engineers

By John Lalog Jaculina

Conspiracy theorists pin tsunami on aliens, military

New witness in Nida slay 'b-day gift' to mom–Kaye



Staggered hours may be extended –MMDA

Women's prison offers labor pool

Mandaluyong spruces up for 2005

Search for RP's good cops opens

SUERTRES

SIX DIGIT

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SWEEPSTAKES

Gas tank explodes inside SSS office

Judge begs off from realty tax hike case

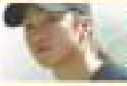
'Meningo' case stays buried in Malabon

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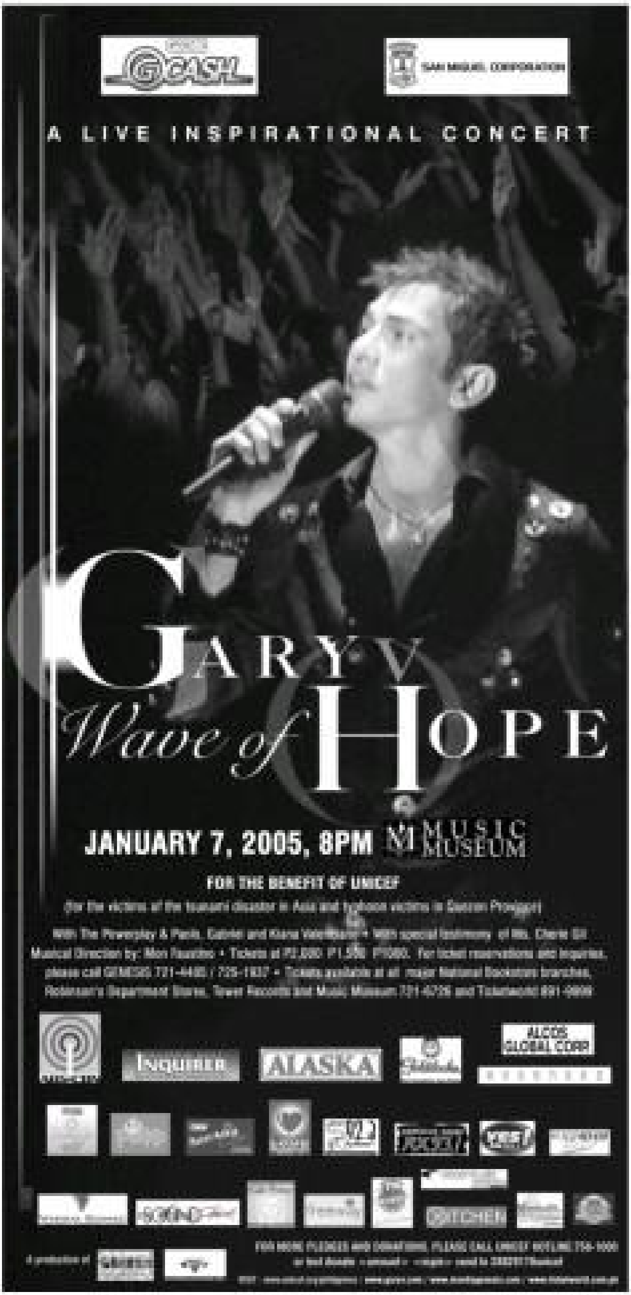


■ Wide-open race looms as PGA Tour blasts off /A22

Jewels rap Archers; Eagles top P'masters



Montaña shines anew sans hurting Compton



T'chargers, Phone Pals seek semis berth today



PSC, Letran spikers rev up win run in V-League

Gone for the rest of tourney

Every day's a working day for Cbot

By June Navarro



Ramirez program includes Palaro revival

By Marc Anthony Reyes



RAMIREZ

PDI's Gonzales tops Maddogan Yule tourney

Gonzales half a point off Hastings leader



EFREN Reyes sails through second round

UPA PRO TOUR

Reyes, Luat lead Filipino assault

Six-under will win it, says Bondad

By Musong R. Castillo

EVEN during practice, Frances Bondad is a picture of perfection, or at least someone who's trying to be perfect.



FRANCES Bondad

SPORTSWATCH

Moto races roar off today in San Pablo

Stage set for 17th SCUAA games

World cycling federation lauds Lina

Fun games mark Checkmate opening

Year's first big derby kicks off at PCC



THREE OF THE BEST

Billiards is now big-league stuff

CLEAN LIVING



Hopman Cup: Slovaks dampen Yanks' bid



MERCEDES OPEN

Wide-open race looms as PGA Tour blasts off



Federer barges into round of 8

Dementieva stuns Sharapova in HK

Sony Ericsson backs WTA Tour for $88M

Maradona returns to Cuba, resumes treatment



Sport stars, groups lend hand to tsunami victims; Schu mourns bodyguard's death

BUSINESS

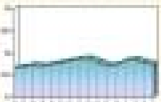
'04 investment registration up 220%

INVESTMENTS approved by the Board of Investments and the Philippine Economic Zone Authority (Peza) were estimated to hit P180 billion last year, an increase of about 220 percent from the P56.7 billion posted in 2003.

GIR hit $16.05B in Dec.

CURRENCIES

PESO-DOLLAR RATE



STOCK MARKET

PSE COMPOSITE INDEX



Stocks down

Fitch downgrades 3 banks

Public sector debt down by ₱1.5T

RP confident inflation will be tamed

Neda reduces RP export growth target

By Michelle V. Remo

Campaign promises

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By Ernesto M. Ordoñez

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Reform or perish

PHILIPPINE STOCK EXCHANGE

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Victor C. Agustin

Dinosaurs at bay

Heard through the grapevine

Fil-Estate to kick off Nasugbu project

Marketing Buzz
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7 New Year's resolutions for marketers



MARKETING Rx

Dr. Ned Roberto & Andy Roberto

Best market bets for this year



Baby boomer market

Metrosexuals

New age women

Young, single, mobile

Silver-haired citizens

Stay-at-home husbands

Micro-entrepreneurs

Ethnic communities

Tweens

EDLP consumers

Weight loss firms seek knockout of low-carb

FASHION resolutions /C4

LIFESTYLE



Editor's Board


LIFE OF THE PARTY.


DRESS UP.


LEG ROOM.

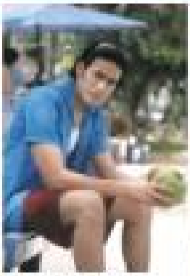
La prima Donna

THE FAVORITE four letters of fashionistas, DKNY, might as well spell "cool" because no one sees trends in glam and street wear quite like Donna Karan.


COLD SHOULDER.

Beach cool

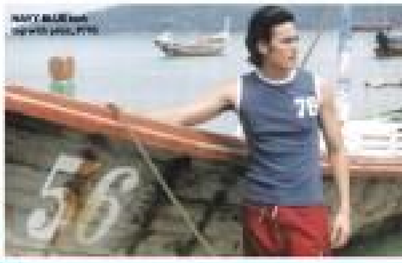
All-male brand Celio went to the beach recently. On the shores of Phuket, Thailand, it unveiled its latest collections. The stylish man should not miss up on the season's newest











Mobile Mania offers discounts on handsets

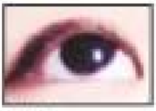
GOINGS ON

Pearls of Boracay, miracle cosmetic for balding women and other '04 finds

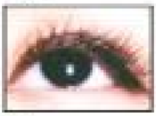


LIFE-STYLED





BEFORE



AFTER



COLORED PENHOLDERS. Blue Leather, Red Leather and Natural Calf

High-end pens



DIPPING PENS. Black Leather Holder, Black Laquer, Silver Finish



JEWELLED INKWELL. Diamond Top and Bezel in Black Alligator















2005 fashion resolutions







APPLES' PICKINGS

Apples Aberin Sadhwani



THE YEAR 2004 was an exciting one in fashion. It was all about individual style and creating some trends by mixing highs and lows. As always, the only thing constant was change.

Here we are facing the New Year with a whole lot of stylish new ideas and concepts to look forward to.

What fashion resolutions have you made so far? I, for one, will do my best to purge and organize my closet (my husband will probably say this is a herculean task). I will also try to support the local fashion industry by buying Philippine-made accessories and going to our local, extremely talented designers for my sartorial needs. Finally, I strongly resolve to write my column regularly so help me God!

I asked some of my favorite sartorial denizens to share their resolutions with us. So while you're deciding what yours are, take a spin from these.

E-mail the author at [illegible]











Ethereal whites start the year right

MIKE de la Rosa's latest collection for the [illegible] has been described as "ethereal."

Black and neutrals take a backseat as the [illegible] fashion clothes in pristine white. "White is alluring and captivating," he says. "It inspires feelings of a [illegible] of [illegible], of elegance."

De la Rosa achieves an airy lightness of being with soft fabrics like chiffon, lace, crepe, and charmeuse that flow and [illegible].

Ruffles, bows and ribbons add a touch of romance, while [illegible] hemlines and layering give the clothes a modern edge.











LIFESTYLE Beauty



WHITENING system without the bleach (left) and Dr. Zein Obagi (below)





Truly skin-deep

Obagi-C promises to go where no one has gone before

By Alex Y. Vergara

A SMOOTHER, whiter and more radiant face is now possible, says the makers of a new Vitamin C-based skin-care regimen. The system, which goes by the name of Obagi-C, is not to be confused with its forerunner, Obagi Nu-Derm.

Unlike most over-the-counter brands, Obagi-C is a prescription drug reportedly formulated to penetrate deep into the skin to regulate melanin-producing cells, enhance collagen production and cleanse impurities that hinder the face from achieving a natural healthy glow.

"Obagi-C is not a bleaching system," says American dermatologist Zein Obagi. "Like a bullet, it delivers superior penetration to all levels of the skin, resulting in 'Photohealthier' skin."

It took the Los Angeles-based Obagi and his team 10 years to work on Nu-Derm. With the system's [illegible] in place, he spent another three years to come up with Obagi-C, which consists of such key elements as hydroquinone (4 percent), "professional strength" Vitamin C and glycolic acid.

"While Obagi Nu-Derm is corrective," says Dr. Obagi, "[Obagi]-C is preventive. I formulated it to help maintain the condition of healthy skin. At the same time, those who have just been through Nu-Derm can later switch to Obagi-C for maintenance."

During a recent Asian swing to introduce the product, the soft-spoken doctor made Manila his first stop. The Philippines, he says, have always had a special place in his heart because several of his staffers in his Beverly Hills clinic are Filipino-Americans.

Dr. Obagi also reviewed the results of a six-week study conducted by Filipino dermatologists, who administered Obagi-C on 10 local patients. He was pleased with the results, as it once more proved his system's safety and efficacy even on "sensitive Asian skin."

Asian treatment

For the longest time, he says, Western dermatologists didn't know how to properly deal with Asian patients. Not a few doctors, including Obagi, consider Oriental skin sensitive and, thus, easily prone to bruising, scarring, pigmentation, keloid formation and what have you.

"That led me to create a program to rejuvenate skin that focuses beyond the skin's surface," Dr. Obagi adds. "We now go deep into the skin and allow it to repair itself beyond the surface to include every cell."

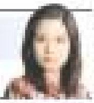
Since both Obagi Nu-Derm and Obagi-C are prescription drugs, both regimens require a trained doctor's supervision. Dr. Obagi also cautions people on buying Obagi products from questionable sources. They might end up with either worthless imitations or bogus products that can further damage their skin. The Belo Medical Group exclusively distributes Obagi products in the Philippines.

Like Obagi Nu-Derm, the Obagi-C system works on the principle of synergy. Thus, products meant for day (AM) are virtually combined by applying them one after the other, as are their nighttime (PM) counterparts. But unlike the former, Obagi-C doesn't bring about such side effects as reddening, burning sensation and peeling-off the skin.

"Unless you're one in a million who's aller-

TRULY P. C2

Happy new hair



MAKEOVER 911

Kristy Sulat

ONE of my New Year's resolutions is to take better care of my hair. Just last December, I realized the last time I had a haircut was June 2004, so I made sure I would have it cut a week before Christmas at the latest.

Different in a good way

Product breakthrough



Fixing my 'do is a breeze these days, and just by parting it differently, I get a totally different look

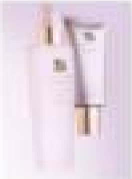


BUDGET buys: Godiva lightening lip gloss and Garnier hair dye

Truly skin-deep

Beauty products to keep skin healthy

For youthful and glowing skin





What every woman needs